Grant listing eligibility criteria

To ensure that all grants listed on the Funding Centre align with Our Community's values and contribute positively to the communities we serve, it is at the Funding Centre's discretion as to whether a grant will be added into the database.

As a guide, a grant must meet the following criteria:

1. **Transparency and fair process**
   Grants must:
   - Be governed by clear, accessible, and transparent guidelines.
   - Provide sufficient public information for applicants to understand eligibility, obligations, assessment processes, timelines, and reporting requirements.

2. **Ethical and lawful purpose**
   Grants must:
   - Be aligned with lawful, ethical conduct and consistent with accepted community standards.

3. **Respect for human rights and inclusion**
   Grants must not:
   - Support discrimination based on gender, sexuality, race, culture, religion, disability, or socioeconomic status.
   - Exclude or discourage participation from any group in a way that contradicts principles of human dignity and equity.

4. **Non-support for harmful or anti-social activity**
   Grants must not:
   - Promote violence, hatred, intimidation, or social division.
   - Fund activities that are coercive, predatory, or fundamentally harmful to individuals or communities.
   - Encourage misinformation, harmful political manipulation, or practices that erode democratic or community institutions.

5. **Responsible use of public resources**

   Grants must:

   - Demonstrate appropriate stewardship of public money or public benefit resources.
   - Be structured to ensure funds are used for their stated purpose and subject to reasonable accountability requirements.

6. **Integrity of the Grantmaker**

   Grants must:

   - Come from entities with a legitimate mandate to offer public or philanthropic funding.
   - Demonstrate reasonable independence from harmful, extremist, or fraudulent activities.

7. **Open access to application**

   Generally, we do not list grants that:

   - Are invitation-only or restricted to a preselected group of applicants.
   - Do not provide a publicly accessible mechanism for expressing interest or applying.

   Exceptions may be made where:

   - The funder publishes clear information about the program, its purpose, and its target cohort; and
   - Listing the grant materially benefits the community by improving transparency or awareness.

Our commitment to the grantseeking community

While these standards guide which grants appear on our platform, our broader mission remains clear: to list as many relevant, legitimate, and accessible funding opportunities as possible. We recognise the diversity of needs across our grantseeking community, and we work continuously to ensure that our listings are comprehensive, reliable, and easy to navigate. Our goal is to empower individuals, organisations, and communities by providing the best possible access to funding information, helping them pursue opportunities, strengthen their impact, and thrive.